# Le·Hi·Ho·News

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## Gays On Campus

The following is a three part article on how gay men and women are faring on local college campuses. The first part gives the results of a questionaire mailed to local colleges and universities. The second is an interview with the only gay student group in the area. The last part interviews local gay professors to see what life is like at the faculty level.

The questionaires were received from Lehigh University and Moravian, Cedar Crest, Lafayette and Muhlenberg Colleges. A questionaire was not received from Kutztown State College. In each case, the respondent was either the public relations director or someone recommended by the director to complete it.

Of the five colleges, only Cedar Crest has made use of gay faculty to recommend programs and policies concerning sexual orientation, as Temple University is doing. However, no school has added a sexual orientation clause to its equal employment guidelines, as Temple has done.

The colleges' attitudes towards openly gay faculty ranges from being fairly supportive at Cedar Crest and Muhlenberg, to neutral at Lafayette and not supportive, if not hostile, at Moravian and Lehigh.

Only Muhlenberg has a gay student union, though many members come from Cedar Crest. It is supported by the college through the use of meeting space and money. Gay students at every other school have no official recognition.

No college offers courses specifically concerning gay topics, however homosexuality was part of certain classes in psychology and sociology at Lehigh and Cedar Crest, as well as literature at Lafayette. One course at Lehigh discusses homosexuality along with Deviant Behavior.

The general college attitudes towards openly gay students ranged from fairly supportive at Muhlenberg, Cedar Crest and Lafayette to being not supportive, if not

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## AIDS *and Donors*

Dr. Lyndall Molthan, medical director at Miller Memorial Blood Center, says the American Association of Blood Banks has recommended that questions pertinent to the existence of AIDS may be asked of potential blood donors. Symptoms questioned will be night sweats, unexplained fevers, weight loss, unusual skin conditions and swollen glands. Questions concerning weight loss, fevers and skin disease have been standard since the 1940's. Needle drug users will continue to be deferred from donating blood as well, due to possible hepatitis infection.

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## Next Meeting

On Sunday, March 27,1982, Le-Hi-Ho will sponsor a meeting/lecture on the topic of A.I.D.S.

Dr.Nick Ifft of the A.I.D.S.Task Force will be the featured speaker.Dr. Ifft is also a member of the Philadelphia Health Alternatives and the Philadelphia Health alternatives.

We hope that there will be a large turn out for this discussion which involves a topic that effects the entire gay community.

The meeting will be at 2:00 P.M. at the Unitarian Church in Bethlehem, located 2 blocks south of the 1500 Block of Broadway on Lechauweki Ave. in Fouhtain Hill.

# EDITORIAL

As we go to press again, I sit here frustrated, angry and defensive. I alsofeel hurt.

My partne r on this newsletter and I get together one Sunday a month and put this together.Most of our readers either just don't care or are reading it for news on where to go and what to do No one, apparently, wants to help. Therefore, what you are reading is essentially the work of two people(and I don't evan get to do most of the articles because of time,,therefore, subjecting Don to doing most of the footwork.

It is, quite simply, not fair.

We are supposed to be representing the gay community. What we are representing, in effect, is ourselves. I can't believe that out of the over 400 copies that are mailed and distributed monthly that Don and I are the only ones who can write, or have opinions.

Let me put it a little differently.Where the Hell is everybody in this Valley?

Two people put together a newsletter(do you think we just talk to the typewriter and all these words and ideas simply float onto the paper?) and six hundred or more read it. It simply doesn't make sense.

This poor attitude carries over to the amount of people who attend Le-Hi-Ho meetings and functions.A board of seven has to make up schedules for a year or more and hope that we are producing programs of interest for gays in the Valley. Yet,,attendance is so low sometimes that it hardly seems worth having the meeting at all.

I hate to repeat myself, but on any given night the bars are full, and yet one Sunday a month w e cannot fill the hall with whatever subject or person we may present..

In all fairness to the bars, should Le-Hi-Ho(or this newsletter)ever fold, where will you all go for information, support, legal advice, etc. I promise you that the local bartender won't know.

Just once, every editor of every newsletter or paper wants to write something uplifting something happy, some good news.

Give me a break,.Lehigh Valley gays.Show up at a meeting for once, get to know us, pitch in.Le-Hi-Ho is much more than you might think it is, but you'll never know it until you try it.

Ed Barnard

# By Line

The movie Gandhi told the story of one man's struggle to free his people from foreign oppression only to realize their self-oppression was even stronger. He urged them to a simple life, to take care of their own. He warned against importing the evils of Western life, the materialism, the competition, but also knew their seduction.

Gays are in the same place. We are trying to get our political freedom yet buy into the system that oppresses us, so we end up oppressing ourselves. As Gandhi thought, we need to support ourselves, which means we must depend on ourselves more and the straight world less. This means gays living in families, not couples, on farms and in the cities, growing our own food, making our own products. It means becoming as self-sufficient as possible. A community succeeds only to the extent its members can depend on each other. That is lacking now.

Don Graves


# Le-Hi-Ho-News

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# RESOURCES

BARS

Candida's, 247 N. 12th St., Allentown
Rosemary's, 2327 Hanover Ave., Allentown
The Stonewall, 28 N. 10th St., Allentown
The 13th Street Pub, 130 S. 13th St., Easton. With kosher style deli.

BUSINESSES

Alternative Booksellers, 10 N. 4th St., Reading (Feminist and lesbian)
Giovanni's Room, 12th and Pine Sts., Philadelphia (Gay/feminist/lesbian books)

SERVICES AND AID

Alcoholics Anonymous, the Rainbow Group for gays only, Tuesdays, 8:30 p.m., at the Church of the Mediator, 16th and Turner Sts., Allentown
Allentown Health Clinic, 437-7760
Bethlehem Health Clinic, 865-7087 (sexually transmitted diseases)
Confront, Inc., 1130 Walnut St., Allentown, 433-0148. Counseling, group therapy and other specialized services.
Dr. David Davis, M.D., Limekiln and Pine Run Roads, Doylestown, 438-9711
Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 437-0801. Out-patient counseling for alcohol and drug problems, primarily for Lehigh County residents.
Family Counseling Service, c/o Jack Diamond, 520 E. Broad St., Bethlehem, 867-3946. Individual, couple and family counseling.
Donald Graves, M.S., 867-7286. Counseling for the gay community; individual, family and groups.
Nick Guzzi, 437-1750. Bisexual and gay counseling for men and women; gender reidentification for pre and post operative transexuals.
Keenan House, 114 N. 9th St., Allentown, 439-7489. Residential drug and alcohol services.
Lehigh County Drug and Alcohol Intake Unit, 432-2228
Jacqueline Marish, B.A./Constance Woodring, M.S.W., 865-1006 or 346-8380. Feminist counseling specializing in domestic abuse. Offices in Northampton and Bucks Counties.
Rape Crisis Council, 437-6611. For youth, men and women.
Mollie Rubenstein, M.S.W., 867-6542. Short and long term counseling.
Turning Point, Inc., 437-0222. Counseling, emergency shelter and advocacy for men and women.
Valley Wide Help, 435-7111. Referral line.
Valley Youth House, 539 8th Ave., Bethlehem, 691-1200. Food, shelter and counseling for youth in need of emergency services.

CENTERS

Women, Inc., 519 Linden St., Allentown, 776-1300. A multi-service center including drop-in services, counseling, social activities and support.

ORGANIZATIONS

Le-Hi-Ho, P.O. Box 1003, Bethlehem, 18016. Gay and lesbian group with social activities, monthly meetings and newsletter.
Muhlenberg Gay Student Union, Box 25, Muhlenberg College, Allentown, 18104. Support group for college age gay men and women.

# IF YOU COME

Le-Hi-Ho meetaon the fourth Sunday of each month ,September through June, at the Unitarian Church in Bethlehem, located 2 blocks south of the 1500 Block of Broadway on Lechauweki Ave. in Fountain Hill.

# Campus cont.

hostile, at Moravian and Lehigh. As one person added, "Lehigh basically hopes the gays and lesbians won't become a problem."

Overall, the most favorable reception for both gay faculty and students would appear to be Muhlenberg first of all. It not only has openly gay faculty and a gay student organization but supports it as well. Cedar Crest and Lafayette come next as being fairly supportive schools. Lehigh and Moravian though are not good choices for a person who wants to be openly gay as a faculty member or student. Both schools are homophobic with little or no support for gays.

Much work though can be done by faculty and staff at every college in the valley to make them at least a fair place to work and learn. Student and faculty organizations, non-discriminatory contract clauses, gay radio programs and public awareness would all be useful, among many possibilities.

Susan, Kate and Michele are with the Gay Student Union at Muhlenberg College. They spoke with Le-Hi-Ho News about the group and life on campus.

"The Gay Student Union started here four years ago. We worked on a constitution in the fall of 1981 and got support from faculty members in the spring of 1982. The student council and the College Committee on Student Affairs passed it unanimously. The college gave us $800 which was good for a first year organization.

"The college is very supportive, the Chaplain especially. The Church just had this all day seminar called "Homosexuality: the Church Out of the Closet." It was mostly pastors and synod members. GSU was invited to come talk about being gay on a straight campus. We were very well received and they were very open. I was surprised."

Kate said the group's stated purpose "is to support and educate the campus. But our first function is as a support group for gay students. We reach out to people having problems with their sexuality. We also want to include people who are not gay but happen to encounter gay people in their lives - parents, brothers and sisters, friends - and need help in coping with that.

"We have bi-monthly meetings. We have a mailing list of 18, with 12 active members, equally divided between men and women. With Cedar Crest it's been more equal.

"This past semester we sponsored Rita Addessa from the Philadelphia Gay and Lesbian Task Force. She spoke on homosexual images in the media. That was pretty well received, more than just GSU members showed up.

"We also presented a workshop to the Resident Advisor staff. We gave a presentation then had a question and answer period. They encounter homosexuality a lot and might not know how to deal with it. It gave us a lot of credibility and respect.

"The three of us live in the dorms. Last year we were on one hall and there was only one problem. Someone had written on a sign we had up for Christmas, "Get the gays off the hall," but someone else wrote underneath it, "Some people are so out of touch with human nature." So there was one person against 50 girls on the hall. The odds were in our favor.

"This year we're on a smaller hall and there's only one person who detests us, but she still doesn't avoid us. The gay jokes fly back and forth on the hall but we all participate. It's a good natured type relationship. We're people and we can joke about that, not make fun of it but like "Hi, cutie," so dorm life is fine.

"In class the teachers are cool. If they know, they don't make a big issue of it. The kids are the same as they are in the dorms except for the ATO brothers. You get a negative response from them but that's typical of the fraternity mentality and you can quote me on that. That's where any problem comes from. But we realize they just have to feel this macho image and it's uncool to be associated with a gay person. We threaten their masculinity. We have a better chance with the girls than they have."

Michele said that this semester GSU is sponsoring the film The Word is Out, which will be open to the public. Then GSU members will be attending a workshop on coming out to parents, discussing the types of reactions that could be encountered if someone decided to do that. She says this decision is a major problem for the group.

Michele proudly added that for the first time, a GSU meeting was put on the announcement board in the Student Union. "Mrs. Schneck, the woman who put it up, complained that during the day someone kept changing it to Fag Student Union and she

was so upset. It's a big chore for her to even say the word 'gay'."

On a personal level, Susan said she's known she was gay for a long time but has been out in public for three years. Kate has also been out for three years, and talked about the time she and Susan found out about each other. "I saw Susan going out with someone and I was going out with someone and we just looked at each other and asked, 'Are we doing the same thing to these two girls?' Not sexually, but I could tell she was attracted to other girls. Then Michele walks over to the two of us and goes, 'Hi. I'm gay. You're gay. Let's all get together and have a meeting."

Susan continued, "You're away from your parents. It's a whole new life and if you screw it up you're going to leave in four years anyway. And having people around made it so much easier. If I hadn't met the people I had, I probably would have gone back in the closet."

The group's biggest concern is that they are not known to other colleges, and GSU is willing to help other schools set up their own gay groups. The Gay Student Union's mailing address is Box 25, Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA 18104.

The Faculty

According to a professor at Kutztown State College, gay and lesbian faculty members are extremely closeted there, not only with straight faculty but even among themselves. They talk shop but not sex or anything related to it.

This professor feels that the college would at least put up with a gay student group, if not encourage it.

Extra

As we go to print, a reply to the college survey was received from Kutztown State College, stating that while the school has no specific policies towards sexual orientation, every member's First Amendment and due process rights are respected. Acts of discrimination are said to be dealt with, though without specific legal mention of sexual orientation it is difficult to tell how effective this would be.

"The attitude towards openly gay and lesbian members of the (Kutztown) college community is about the same as the attitude that prevails in the outside community and is changing at the same pace." There is no gay student group at Kutztown.

# NEWSLINE

Le-Hi-Ho is still preparing a referral list of area doctors who want to work with gay men and women.Now we need your help. If you know of a doctor you would personally reccomend to a gay man or woman, please write the Le-Hi-Ho news at, P.O.Box 1003, Bethlehem 18016.We will contact the doctor on our own to check on whether he/she would like to be listed as a resource.

The 13th Street Pub in Easton has opened.It features good ambience, a small dance floor and beer and drink prices that are fair.It also boasts a New York style deli where food is served until 2:00 A.M.Sunday is hoagie day, and March 17th is their St.Patrick's day party...check it out.

The Brethern/Mennonite Council for Gay Concerns in Washington,D.C. has written us concerning the Quest Learning Center, near Reading, which apparently is a place that has been established to"Cure" homosexuality. B/M C had also requested our helpin finding out more information about this.If you know of anyone who has received counseling there or any other information about this, please write us at the above address.All replies will be held strictly confidential.The Le-Hi-Ho news want someone to help sell ads for us. It would require only two afternoons per month. It's the ideal chance to pitch in and help.

As part of our ongoing history project, this newsletter would like to interview or hear from those who were persecuted in the area or forced to move away as a result of the McCarthy era.We would appreciate hearing from you at the above PO Box address.Please send attention of Don Graves.Again, all replies will be held confidential.

David Hager, 22, of Easton, has been found guilty of second degree murder in the arson deaths last March of Kermit Beltz and Larry Bonney.

Hager said the two had raped him and he had fled the house while they were sleeping, using a kerosene lamp to see. He said he dropped the lamp from nervousness.

Prosecution witnesses testified that two separate fires had been lit and that Hager had thrown a torch on the floor to light them. (Call-Chronicle)

# ask Mr. Mike

Dear Mr. Mike;

I'm a homosexual man. I feel funny about identifying as "gay," although I don't mind homosexual at all. My experience living as a homosexual in this world has been less than gay, owing to the lack of acceptance and downright hostility toward me, my brothers and sisters. Am I strange to object to the word "gay" when it is applied to me? Does it separate me from the gay world? How did the term originate?

Dave

Dear Dave;

After the Stonewall riots of 1969, homosexual men and women banded together in New York and wanted to be called by a name created by themselves and that would encompass a whole lifestyle, not just sexual preference. They also wanted a name that would show a possitive affirmation to being a homosexual instead of a clinical reference to a psychological disorder. The word "gay" was chosen.

The word itself was coined and used as a code by gays in the late 1800's and has appeared in songs by Bessie Smith and other blues singers in a sexual context. In the 1940's, Cole Porter used the word in a song called "Farmin'" where his bull wouldn't stud the cows because it was gay.

Gay versus queer, homosexual, fag or dyke is like black versus nigger or jungle bunny, so use the word and be proud of it.

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Send all questions to: Mr. Mike, P.O. Box 1003, Bethlehem, PA 18016.


## Donald Graves, M.S.

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# ELSEWHERE

. . . New York City has once again failed to pass a gay rights bill. It's said that heavy Roman Catholic and Orthodox Jewish pressure helped defeat it.

. . . Oregon and California activists are working for passage of gay rights bills in both state legislatures.

. . . NAMBLA (North American Man/Boy Love Association) continues to be in the news. It and the Gay Media Alliance are conducting a petition campaign against what they describe as an FBI "witch hunt" against them. The committee can be contacted at P.O. Box 28, Brooklyn, NY 11210.

NAMBLA was also the subject of an article in a recent issue of Time Magazine, in which its members were described as being psychologically ill and a detriment to society.

. . . In Harrisburg, a lawsuit brought by three men who allege they were arrested as part of Mayor Stephen Reed's attempt to shut down the adult bookstores in that city was not dismissed as sought by the defendents: the Dauphin County District Attorney, the Harrisburg City Council and City Police. The trial could begin by May.

. . . The Metropolitan Community Church in Philadelphia is trying to sell its present building and find a more centrally located space. The Gay Community Center on the other hand is trying to stay at its present location at 222 S. Camac St. in Center City, at least for another 20 months. (Look for next month's Le-Hi-Ho News for an interview with Tommi Avicolli of the GCC's Board of Directors).

. . . The Rev. Troy Perry, founder of the Metropolitan Community Church, will visit Harrisburg for a fund raiser for the TV special, "God, Gays and the Gospel: This is our Story." Call MCC-Harrisburg for details at 717-238-3746.

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Dr. Molthan said the Blood Center does not and will not ask about sexual preference. It is considered unreliable and an infringement of civil rights.

One question will be added: Have you had contact with someone with AIDS?

Dr. Molthan added that medical tests to detect AIDS in blood are "far too expensive and not productive since we don't know what we're dealing with." Fewer than 10 cases of AIDS from transfusions have been recorded in the past three years, while thousands of transfusions have been given.

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
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| MARCH 14 | 15 | 16 | St.Patty's Parties at Rosemary's & 13thST PUB NOW-MTG 17 | Beth Avah ea. Fri. (Phila) 222-3872 18 | Saturdays 4-9 PM Tea Dance ½ price drink STONEWALL 19 | SUNDAYS DIGNITY (Phila) 546-2093 20 |
| 21 | Gay Skate @Gold Skate Middletown 7:30-10:00 $3.00 @ door 22 | 23 | Paul Allyn songwriter performing 13thST PUB 10-1PM 24 | FRIDAYS DIGNITY HBG. 717-233-8105 25 | 26 | *Le-Hi-Ho * Meeting Topic: A.I.D.S. 7:00 P.M. 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | APRIL Good Friday Service:MCC HBG.7:00PM 1 | Saturdays 2-5 PM "2for1"drinks & Clam special CANDIDA'S 2 | SUNDAYS MCC-PHILA 235-5180 All MCC Easter Services 3 |
| 4 | LE-HI-Ho Board Mtg. 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | SUNDAYS MCC-HBG 717-238-8746 10 |
| 11 | 12 | Rev.Troy Perry:MCC HBG. 717-233-8105 13 | Lecture: Gays in TV and Film HBG-717 234-8179 14 | Gospel Concert MCC/Hbg YWCA 7:30 PM 15 | 16 | SUNDAYS MCC-LANC. 717-392-2729 17 |

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## Hours

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